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Eichelberger Will Lecture On Tuesday

General Robert L. Eichelberger, U. S. Army, Retired, commander of all allied ground forces in Japan in 1946-48, author of "The Jungle Road to Tokyo", and an expert on Far Eastern affairs, will speak on Tuesday, October 11, at 8:30 P.M. at an open meeting sponsored by the Salem College Alumnae Club of Winston-Salem.

General Eichelberger has been decorated by the Army, Navy, and Air Force, and has signal honors from England, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, the Philippine Government, and Ecuador.

He and his wife, the former Emma Gudger, Salem '07, will be guests at several affairs during their two-day stay in the city. Monday night their hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hanes, will entertain at dinner in their home.

The General's schedule for Tuesday includes the opening of the United Fund Drive in the morning, a luncheon with the local press, and dinner in Corrin Refectory followed by his talk in Memorial Hall. He and his wife will be overnight guests at the Alumnae House.

When the General was asked over the telephone to speak at Salem, he somewhat hastily answered "I will", being in a hurry to catch a train. His destination was the World Series in New York and a football game at West Point, where he served as Superintendent prior to World War II.

A cordial welcome is extended to all students to hear him on Tuesday night. Miss Lelia Graham Marsh, Alumnae Secretary said "It's an opportunity no college woman should miss."

News Briefs

The annual fall meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held at 4 p.m. Friday, October 21. Following the meeting the administrative staff of the college and academy will dine with the trustees.

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Mr. Wendt Has: Played Football, Run a Paper, Been A Student Pastor And Sung In Choirs

By Judy Golden

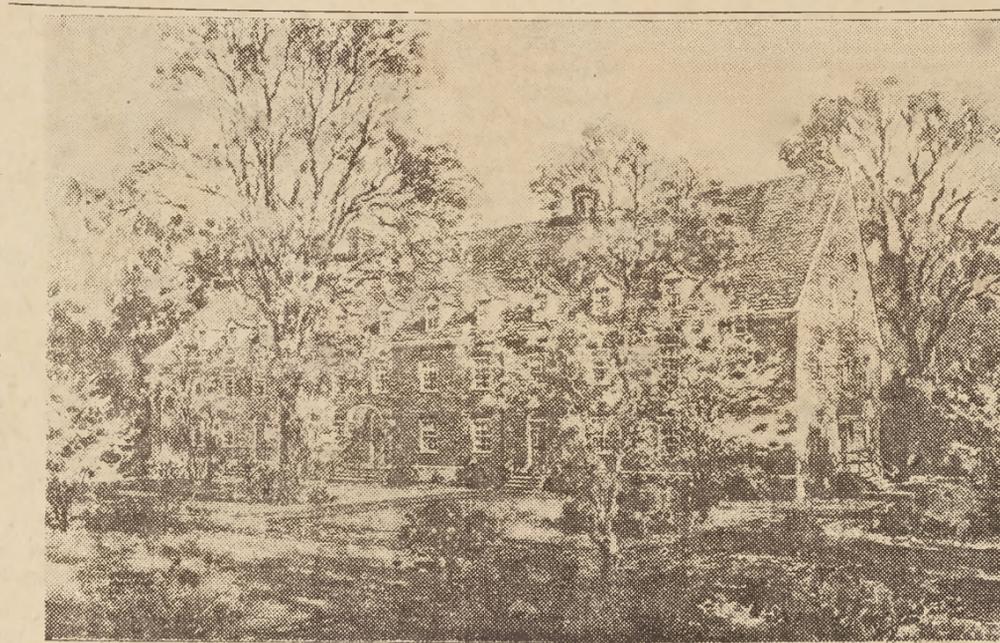
If you've seen a blond, athletic-looking man wearing glasses and snappy clothes wandering among the new people on Salem's campus, it is not a student at all. The gentleman happens to be Mr. Robert Wendt, our new Geography and Sociology-Economics teacher.

During my interview with him, Mr. Wendt kept me laughing with his dry wit and friendly, good humor. Although he looked a little down-trodden when I began to fire hundreds of questions at him, he soon rallied and told me all about himself.

Originally, "home" was Cleveland, Ohio. Even though he started out as a Yankee, he went to Lees-McRae in Banner Elk, N. C. to college. After that he attended Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln, Nebraska; Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas; and the graduate school of Dallas Theological Seminary.

While in college Mr. Wendt participated in many activities. He ran the school newspaper at Lees-McRae, played football and basketball, and sang in choirs. While he was working as a student pastor,

Pierrettes To Compete With Tallulah



New Dorm Named For Mary Reynolds Babcock Donations To Sept. 30th Total \$1,685,000.73

Students, alumnae, Moravians and other individuals and groups are promoting The Progress Fund Campaign for Salem College and Academy. The college goal consists of building a new dormitory, steam plant, and laundry to enable Salem to accommodate four hundred students and to bring about

a raise in faculty salaries. The total fund figure as of September 30 was \$1,685,000.73. Largest division donations were alumnae, \$58,184.35, (of which a notable per cent was amassed by Winston-Salem alumnae), special gifts, \$102,078.00, and the Mary Reynolds

Babcock Foundation, \$525,000. The Babcock Foundation is to be used for the new dormitory, and Salem trustees have named it the Mary Reynolds Babcock Dormitory.

A typical Moravian brick structure, it will stand on the site of the old steam plant when it is completed in 1957. Inside, it will have tile floors and dormer windows. Forty-six double rooms and five single ones will house ninety-seven students on three floors. Each floor will have an ironing room and there will be basement storage space and recreational rooms.

Education Department Head On White House Committee

Dr. Elizabeth Welch, head of the Education Department at Salem College, served last week as a member of the N. C. White House Conference on Education. The conference was called by President Eisenhower to study the problems causing the present shortage in educational facilities, and to recommend a plan of action for solving these problems throughout the 48 states and territorial possessions. This study was to be made by a

commission in each state, which was to prepare a report to be submitted at a meeting in Washington beginning November 26.

The North Carolina Commission was appointed early in September by Governor Luther Hodges and Superintendent of Public Instruction Charles F. Carroll, and it was made up of fifty-one men and five women, both educators and laymen. Dr. Welch was the only delegate to the commission who represented the liberal arts colleges and the

Future Teachers of America. The commission was divided into six groups to investigate six different educational problems now facing the American public. The problems studied were:

1. What the public wants its children taught.
2. How to organize the program of education economically so that the most can be done for the child during the time he is in school.
3. What types of buildings and equipment make for the most effective education.
4. How to get good teachers in the schools and keep them there.
5. How to finance the type of educational program the citizens want.
6. How to acquaint the public with the facts of an educational crisis, and impress them with the necessity of action against it.

Dr. Welch served on the commission as a member of the group that discussed the question of obtaining and holding good teachers, and made recommendations for solving this problem.

Beginning September 21, the commission traveled to Greenville, Fayetteville, Raleigh, Greensboro, Charlotte, and Asheville presenting these questions and getting the ideas and opinions of the people from these six areas of the state. The commission was unique in that it was sent to draw these ideas and opinions from the public rather than to present a set solution.

In each area a delegation of lay people and teachers was appointed by the county school superintendent to present their ideas to the commission; in addition to this group, the open meetings were attended by a large number of concerned citizens.

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Choose Wilder Comedy For Fall Production

By Martha Jarvis

Dinosaurs, bathing beauties, and floods in Old Chapel?

No, it's not impossible but merely a part of the Pierrettes' presentation of Thorston Wilder's comedy, **The Skin of Our Teeth**. Twice a Broadway hit and the United States' entry in the International Drama Festival, the play satirizes contemporary theater conventions and illustrates the fact that man keeps on despite the difficulties which surround him.

Although Wilder calls it a comedy, he uses his "shock technique" to illustrate many moving moments of the race's struggle for survival.

Although no one could equal Tallulah Bankhead's Broadway performance as Sabina, the maid, some Salemite will probably run her a close second.

However, the roles of this play are not all for born actresses; there are many small parts (some of which require no speaking) that might satisfy everyone's desire to be on the stage.

Moreover, the cast promises to be doubly exciting because some of our male faculty members will also be performing.

However, acting will only be a small part of the production. Lots of help will be needed on the various crews in order to make this the theatrical boom that it is. Anyone interested in helping should see Julia Parker, Pierrette president.

In addition to presenting **The Skin of Our Teeth**, the Pierrettes will sponsor two evening programs this semester.

These will feature the dramatic talents of the student body, including freshmen. All of those interested should see Miss Reigner.

Sociologists Aid Charities

Helping charity organizations which need voluntary service is the goal of Mr. Wendt and his sociology field work class this year. The group plans to devote a certain amount of time each week to work of this type.

For the past two Wednesdays and on last Friday members of the class have helped the United Fund to prepare for its campaign that begins October 17.

The girls typed, addressed envelopes, folded pamphlets, and readied posters, pledge cards, and other materials for distribution among the schools and business establishments of Winston-Salem and the surrounding area.

Future plans of the group consist of assisting in the libraries of boys' homes and aiding such organizations as the Salvation Army and Travelers' Aid. They also hope to perform similar tasks in Raleigh and other North Carolina cities.

Members of the class include Nellie Anne Barrow, Mary Brown, Suetta Davidson, Dayl Dawson and Barbara Durham.

Polly Larkins, Mary E. McClure, Becky Doll McCord, Marian Myers, Joan Reich, and Anne Williams are also volunteering their services.



Robert Wendt

tion of Thornton Wilder's comedy in school." There are four little Wendt's—2 boys, ages 10 and 6 months, and 2 girls, 7 and 4.

Directly before coming to Winston-Salem, the Wendt family

lived in Raleigh, where Mr. Wendt taught at Meredith College.

This year Mr. Wendt expects to be a very busy man. He is teaching Geography, Sociology, and Economics here at Salem.

Also he teaches a huge Sociology class at Baptist Hospital two days a week. Last, but not least, he has a Sunday School lesson on WTOB every Sunday morning at 8:30.

As usual, I asked Mr. Wendt what his impressions of Salem were. He thought for a minute and then said he was "very much impressed." He seemed to be thinking mostly in terms of his faculty acquaintances and their "extreme cordiality."

When I asked him for his impressions of Rat Week, he replied that he hadn't seen many "Rats." He remarked that all of his classes were composed of "old heads"—seniors, juniors, and a few sophomores.

His last remark was that he "hadn't figured out which were the biggest goof-offs—sophomores, or seniors."